

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

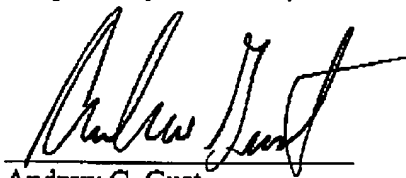
Claims 1 through 17 are pending in this application. Claims 6 through 17 are withdrawn.

The Office Action asserts restriction is required to claims 1 through 5, drawn to a product, classified in class 324, subclass 754 or claims 6 through 17, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 48.

Applicants respectfully traverse because each of the embodiments as set forth in the Office Action is a common invention. In particular, claim 6 provides a method to make the microprobe that includes the features of claim 1. The Office Action asserts that the search required for Group I is not required for Group II. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Again, claim 6 provides a method to make the microprobe that includes the features of claim 1. Thus, the search required for Group I is required for Group II. Moreover, it would be more expedient to prosecute both embodiments in a single application. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the election requirement, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the embodiment of claims 1 through 5. Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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